Waste Reduction Task Force Meeting on 2/21/08 - Work Group 3 Summary

The following are the recommendations given by Work Group 3 – Governmental Roles - at the Task Force meeting on 2/21/08.

Work Group #3

Presenter: Andy Ashford

Priority/Recommendation : #1

Discussion Points: The waste reduction goal is currently a regional goal. Our recommendation is that each individual municipality with a population of 4,000 or higher (about 100 statewide) and/or those with a solid waste system already in place be required to achieve the goal and report annually along with the region in the Annual Progress Report.

Costs - minimal

Benefits – accountability by the municipalities; easier monitoring

Obstacles – resistance by the cities; may need to adjust the 4,000 figure

Implementation – designation of specific person to do this. Don't believe this would require hiring an additional person.

Work Group #3

Presenter: Andy Ashford

Priority/Recommendation : #2

Discussion Points: For non-complying regions, a qualitative tier system, based on a list of best management practices should be implemented to guide those regions towards full compliance.

Costs – hard to determine, would depend on the economy and resources of the region

Benefits – these regions would be required to do something towards progressing to the goal

Obstacles – resistance; available funds; some regions still may not comply

Implementation - designate an interested/motivated person to guide this process

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Presenter: Wayne Brashear

Priority/Recommendation : #3

Many of the members on solid waste boards are not knowledgeable of solid waste/recycling issues. Recommend creation of a technical committee made up of private and public solid waste professionals to advise the board on solid waste/recycling issues. The board would not be bound by any recommendations of this committee – it would only provide insight and information.

Costs – none, just a little time; this committee would be from the region and simply be asked to be at some of the board meetings.

Benefits – the board would become more knowledgeable about their job

Obstacles – People might not want to serve on the Committee. If the board members didn't care or were just filling a space, this technical committee obviously wouldn't be any benefit to them.

Implementation – would require contact by the chairman of the SW board or other members. Note: Need board members that are actively involved and interested.